



# 2019 Texas State Lifeguard Championship Rules



1. Three (3) independent “non-judges” will comprise a supervisory committee (SC) that will be responsible for making any and all decisions regarding the management/operation of the Texas State Lifeguard Competition (TSLC), including, but not limited to, registration, substitutions, change in time/date of event, safety considerations, scenarios, rule interpretation, challenges, protests, etc. They will be the sole authority for all decisions and their decisions will be final.
2. Each team will be comprised of 4 competitors which must include at least one woman, and no more than 2 alternates (one man and one woman. At least one female must compete throughout the competition. *At no time will 4 men be allowed to compete as a team.*
3. The individuals who make up the team(s) that qualified for TSLC must be the same individuals who participate at the TSLC (including the same alternates).  
**NOTE:** *In the event an organization has multiple entries in the TSLC, the composition of each team must remain the same as the team that qualified for TSLC. There may be **NO** “Mixing and Matching” of teams for the TSLC.*
4. Substitutions of competitors will **ONLY** be allowed in case of emergency (i.e. medical issues, family emergency, death in the family, etc.) and will require written documentation. The substitution **MUST** come from the alternates listed on the team’s original qualifying roster registration.
5. It is in each team’s best interest to have alternates listed should substitution becomes necessary at TSLC. Only those alternates listed on the original roster will be allowed to participate. If no alternates are listed, and a team member becomes unavailable, the team will have to forfeit its right to compete.
6. Substitutions and documentation must be submitted to the TSLC registrar *no later than 24 hours prior* to the competition. Substitution requests will be forwarded to Supervisory Committee and a decision will be rendered as soon as possible.
7. Each team member must be a **FULL TIME** lifeguard who actually guards on a daily basis (including alternates).
8. **NO** lifeguard instructors (LGIs) will be allowed to compete on teams or serve as alternates.
9. Once teams have checked in, judges **MAY NOT** have access to their teams until after the completion is complete.
10. Coaches must stay with their teams as they participate. They **MAY NOT** go to **ANY** other scenario prior to their team moving to that scenarios.



11. Participants, judges, coaches, and scenario volunteers **MAY NOT** have **ANY** unauthorized contact with other teams, their own teams, or one another at any time during the competition. This includes trips to the restroom, the holding areas, concession areas, parking lots, etc.

**NOTE: UNAUTHORIZED CONTACT WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

12. Participants, coaches, and judges **MAY NOT** have **ANY** type of recording, photographic, communication devices/equipment (electronic or other) out, present, or in view at any time during the competition.

**FAILURE TO OBSERVE THIS RULE WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF ALL TEAMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OFFENDER!**

13. In the event a participant is removed from the competition due to inappropriate or unethical actions, he/she cannot be replaced with an alternate.

14. In the event of a challenge/protest, a team must present their protest **in writing within 30 minutes of the completion of the competition**. The Supervisor Committee will review the challenge/protest and render a decision the same day as the event. **THE DECISION OF THIS GROUP WILL BE FINAL!**

15. No challenges/ protests will be granted after the 30 minute window at the end of the competition.

16. The competition may be delayed or cancelled in the event of inclement weather or any other safety concerns at the discretion of the Supervisory Committee. Any decisions will be relayed to all stake holders at the earliest possible time.